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THE Great Earthquake At Quito in Peru

Which destroyed a great Number of the
SPANIARDS
IN THE
WEST INDIES.

UPON the Twenty day of June Anno Domini
One Thousand Six Hundreth Ninty Eight,

There happened a most dreadful Earthquake near *Quito*, two Mountains opening, from whence issued a prodigious quantity of Water and black Mud, and overflow'd the Countrey. The River *Ambato* and some others, swell'd to such a Degree, that they ruin'd a great Number of Gradens, Houses and Mills, and drowned much People and Cattel. The Earthquake was principally felt from *Rio Bambo* to *Chimbo*, and from *Quito* to *Mignel*, where it did great mischief: The Town of *Ambato* is utterly ruined, and most of the Inhabitants drowned in their Beds: The Town of *Patate* 4 Leagues distant was overflowed, but all the People except 200 escaped, the Mud having stoped the Water, afforded them time to retire to a Neighbouring Mountain. *Tacunga* is utterly destroyed, with most of the Inhabitants; & most of the Churches and Houses of *Rio Bambo* are overturned, but all the People, except 40 escape. Letters also from *Popajan* of the 10th. of September last give account, that they had heard terrible Roarings under Ground, which puts them into a General Conternation, and one of the *Volcano's* of *Pasto* is broke out into dreadful Smoak and Flames, with extraordinary Noise: